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Prohibition.

What figure will prohibition cut in the campaign of 1916? Shall we see a straight prohibition national ticket, composed of much stronger men than the prohibitionists have hitherto nominated, or will the two old parties, as so often before, succeed in dividing a large prohibition vote between them?

The prohibition issue has made remarkable strides of recent years. Once a sort of fad in politics, it is now a recognized force there. Politicians of great prominence subscribe to it openly. Others, while withholding support, treat the issue with marked respect. All alike give it consideration in their calculations, state and national.

Mr. Roosevelt is making eyes at the issue. He must have a new platform for 1916, and an anti-liquor plank might suit his purposes. He appropriates any good thing he finds in reach.

Mr. Bryan is not a candidate for President, but wants his party under Mr. Wilson's leadership to go into the next campaign as strong as possible. Hence his appeal to it to divorce itself from all connection with the liquor interests. He is keeping watch on Mr. Roosevelt's flirtation, with the view of interfering if necessary to prevent any loss to the democracy.

Would Mr. Hobson accept a prohibition nomination for President? He is a democrat. No change has been announced as the result of his defeat for the Senate, which he ascribed in part to the liquor interests. They fought him for all they were worth, though Mr. Underwood would probably have won in any case.

All things considered, Mr. Hobson is the most prominent politician among those unreservedly active in behalf of prohibition. He has the confidence of both the men and the women who are laboring in that cause. They confess his leadership. They seek his advice.

Such a nomination would of course oblige Mr. Hobson to sever his connection with the democratic party. There is room for argument over Henry Ward Beecher's dictum that no democrat can be a prohibitionist, but certainly none over the proposition that no prohibition candidate for President could be a democrat. For the democrats will have a candidate of their own in 1916, and the faithful will be expected to support him.

The approaching vote in the House on the prohibition question is giving rise to much gossip, and to many predictions. That some members would have been glad of an escape from the ordeal of making a record in secret, and curiosity exists as to the sort of record they will make now that they have been cornered.

District Assessments.

Repeatedly assertions are made in the course of discussions of District Incomes in Congress that Washington really is underassessed for taxation purposes. During the brief debate on the District bill this statement was renewed, despite constant disproof through unassailable statistics. The Star has heretofore shown by the federal census figures that Washington property is highly assessed in comparison with the assessment of other cities. Today, in the news columns, is printed an article, based upon the assessor's report and upon statistics collected and a diagram prepared at the District building, shows conclusively that the allegation of local underassessment is without foundation; that on the contrary the local valuation is exceptional high; that Washington at statutory two-thirds is more nearly at full valuation than many cities where the law requires full valuation. It is impossible to study these statistics without concluding that in treating of local assessments some congressional commentators ignore the facts and follow prejudice without regard for justice to the District.

Huerta said he would return to Mexico if he was needed in order to restore peace. The need of peace-restorer is evident, but the contract is becoming large enough to shake even the self-confidence of a Huerta.

It is fortunate that the destruction of Thomas A. Edison's laboratory did not occur when the eminent inventor's efforts were directed to perfecting the electric light instead of to developing the "movies."

Great relief would be felt if Mr. Hobson could arrange to have the "yellow peril" and the "demon rum" fight it out between themselves.

Mr. Bryan's Successor.

The feeling against Mr. Bryan because of his deliverance on the liquor question is rising. There are democrats who think he ought to leave the cabinet; that he has embarrassed the President, and added to the party's difficulties respecting 1916. Some believe he has a selfish claim in view. Others believe that he is a new and very grave situation has arisen. The Mexican situation has become more tangled, and for four months now the great nations

of Europe have been in the bloody grapple of war. Our foreign relations have grown very delicate and complex, and require most careful and expert watching. The sentiment on the tower at the State Department has use for both his eyes for as long stretches as he can keep them open.

It was no secret that Mr. Bryan was called to his place largely because of his political experience and following. Of diplomatic experience he had had none. He had won his way as an agitator and orator, and had unusual claims on Mr. Wilson's consideration. As the man who had shaped results at Baltimore, and brought great numbers of votes to Mr. Wilson at the polls, he stood in a class by himself. He had no rival. Everything pointed to him as the proper man for Secretary of State.

Mr. Wilson obeyed the signal, and got all he had a right to expect. Mr. Bryan brought all his friends to the support of the administration's policies in Congress, and his eloquence to bear on the stump and elsewhere in Mr. Wilson's behalf.

If Mr. Wilson is forced to choose a new man now he must consider both the political and the diplomatic aspects of the case. He cannot hope to find another man of Mr. Bryan's "pull" in politics, and it will not be easy for him to find one as thoroughly experienced as desired in the field of diplomacy. If the liquor interests force Mr. Bryan out they will at the same time give Mr. Wilson a hard nut to crack.

Bull Moosery and Economy.

Here is an instance of real economy. Not as deep as a well, nor as wide as a church door, but it serves. It shows that the President's admonition against waste and extravagance has not fallen on deaf ears.

The House cuts off an allowance of \$1,500 a year for an official representing the bull moose party in the organization of that body. Well, why not? What is the bull moose party to the country, or the country to the bull moose party, that the democrats, with one of the numerous kindred pledges made at Baltimore, and the President's recent words before their eyes, should appropriate money for it?

When the allowance was made, bull moosery looked good and promising to its devotees. It had just brought them into office. It had divided the opposition, and by that means made the democratic triumph easy. Gratitude, if nothing else, counseled recognition of bull moosery in the affairs of the House. The bull moose demand was modest, and on that account the more easily granted.

Today, bull moosery has lost much. If not all of its promise. Its days are clearly numbered. Its strength in the present House is nineteen. In the next House it will be seven—a loss of nearly two-thirds. "We are seven." There is not another House or another President in bull moosery. Why, then, coddle it further? Why not "let the cat die?"

More than this. In the present House the bull moosers are led by Mr. Murdock, with Mr. Hinebaugh as first lieutenant. Neither of these men will sit in the next House. Both lost out last month.

Who then for their places as bull moose congressional leaders? Nobody as well known in national affairs is in sight. Among the seven is no man who commands the attention, or is so close to Mr. Roosevelt, as Mr. Murdock, who had his chief support in the House. The bull moose demand would probably have become the bull moose leader there.

A party in the House has thus shrunk to the proportions of a remnant, which will not count in the legislative equation. Its members will be appraised for the value of their suggestions as individuals, and not as members of a dying, and nearly dead, movement. Only two parties, properly so called, will appear in the next House. The old organization will grapple, as many times before, for advantage on the eve of a presidential election.

Fourteen Opportunities for Giving.

Once more the people of Washington are presented with "fourteen opportunities" for direct, practical charity work. For the fifth time the Associated Charities offers its list of fourteen selected cases, chosen as types, and all worthy of beneficence. These fourteen cases include between sixty and seventy individuals, and to provide for them for one year calls for \$4,300. These "fourteen opportunities" presented by the Associated Charities annually have in the past been fully accepted by the public, and in every instance sufficient funds have been subscribed to meet the needs of the individuals or families for the year. In some cases permanent assistance has been rendered as interest has been aroused in the pitiless state of the helpless ones. It is to be expected that this year, notwithstanding the fact that a larger sum has been asked in the aggregate, a full response will be made to the appeal.

In some of these cases there is hopelessness. In others there is some temporary stress, the relief of which will probably set the family on its feet for the future. Here it is sickness on the part of the wage earner, there is age and decrepitude, or some accidental disability. Washington is fully assured that each one of these fourteen cases deserves the fullest measure of giving, and it is to be hoped that by Christmas morning, when the appeal ceases, every penny of the amount required will be subscribed.

By discouraging the presidential boom recently awarded him Mr. Herick strengthened the impression that he is the level-headed sort of man to be desired in an eminent official capacity.

Mexico is not compelled to waste any more time in figuring on the precise official relations of Villa and Carranza which were once the subject of so much minute discussion.

The law of neutrality in the three-mile limit is causing Col. Goethals as much anxiety as the law of gravity at the Culebra cut.

Turkey might save time by providing itself with a series of form letters to be used whenever apologies are demanded.

A War of Attrition.

The Austrian war has been notable thus far for its lack of definite results. Though it has been in progress for four months and a half, neither side has scored any material advantage, and the general record is one of advances and retreats, gains and losses, attacks and counter attacks. The latest success of the Serbians in recapturing Belgrade after an Austrian occupation of twelve days is the case in point. It is a war of attrition, in which the tide surges, with neither side getting anywhere in particular for any length of time. It is true that the Germans have penetrated into France through Belgium and are now holding stubbornly in the field, whose pay is formed three months ago. But that was assumed after a rapid advance into

France which carried the invaders practically to the gates of Paris. On the eastern front the war has been marked from the outset by successive forward and backward movements. This lack of definite attainment is not due to suspension of hostilities, for notwithstanding the severity of the weather the armies have been pounding away at each other with scarcely a day's interruption since the early part of August. In France and Flanders the situation is virtually a mutual siege, with both sides so strongly entrenched that it is with difficulty that any gains whatever are made. No one can tell how long this process can continue, but obviously at the present rate defeat will be the portion of that side which is first exhausted by the ceaseless attrition. The end may come not as the result of some grand assault, but through the wearing out of the resources of one side.

Possibly the New Haven stockholders will welcome the suggestion that the company shall not undertake any more business than one board of directors can reasonably be expected to transact.

The New York Stock Exchange has adopted a cautious policy which indicates no intention of encouraging a race between the bulls and bears for the possession of the early lamb.

A government department that makes a profit sometimes puts a terrific mental and physical strain on its expert accountants.

Mexican generals refuse to realize that the only way for them to remain popular with the masses is to keep out of office.

The terrors of war are increased as the machine-made product becomes more prevalent.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANTER JOHNSON.

Back Home.

"I understand your boy Josh is visiting you again," said the neighbor.

"Yep," replied Farmer Cornstossel.

"How has he been doing in town?"

"Well, I can't say he's doing much in the way of work. But the climate seems to agree with him. I guess his general health is being a good deal benefited."

"Looks sleek and all dressed up, does he?"

"No. That's another good thing town has done for him. It has took a whole lot of the notion for him to be all fixed up out of him. The clothes he's wearin' ain't much better'n mine. He used to want to hang around the house all day an' now he tells me he goes out an' sits for hours on a bench in the park. An' the way he eats! It's just wonderful how that boy's appetite has improved! There's no use talkin'; the city's doin' wonders for Josh!"

Culture's Progress.

"Our daughter is studying French, German music, dancing and painting," said the mother, complacently.

"Well," replied Mr. Cumrox, "that's a good start. But has she yet learned not to use back-number slang and chew gum?"

A Constant Impression.

Although the common road is rough. You say in fashion breezy. The taxes that you pay are tough. The other man's look easy.

Fido's Future.

"What if Fido should go mad?" exclaimed the woman who wastes affection.

"Don't worry," answered her husband. "That dog hasn't enough sense to be as stupid as a cat. The most he'll ever do is to go peevish."

Dangers of Disguise.

"Did your children recognize you when you played Santa Claus last year?"

"I hope not. If they did it was very rude of them to keep on referring to me as the funny little fat man with the squeaky voice!"

The World Santa Claus.

Old Santa comes each year with proper gifts for girls and boys, and sometimes even grown folk get their share of pretty toys.

And as he journeys forth, the roofs and chimneys tops to seek, he doesn't ask what languages the people there may speak.

For Santa is a Scotchman and Santy is a Swede, a German or a Frenchman or a Pole; You'll find him strictly neutral in the time of human need.

With a generous and sympathetic soul.

He sends both food and clothing to the lands bereft of cheer; He might send good advice if there were any one to hear. Although his lot is painful, he does not neglect the call.

That is lifted in misfortune by his brethren, great and small.

For Santy is a Russian and Santy is a Dane, And his sympathy is not a shallow sham;

His heart is warm and kindly, though his mind is safe and sane, And perhaps his other name is "Uncle Sam."

An Ethestic Coinage.

From the Boston Transcript.

A movement has been started by the New York Numismatic Club looking to the adoption by the government of better and more artistic designs for our coinage. The chairman of that organization, who has been quite active on previous occasions in working for changes in the fashion of our hard money, brings a rather heavy indictment against that which is in most general circulation. He passes by with commendable criticism of the half-dollar, the quarter and the dime, remaining the figure of Liberty on the coins as it appears at present is an insult both to the Goddess of Liberty and to the beauty of American womanhood, while the figure on the reverse is characterized as "that nondescript effigy called an eagle."

Money Not All.

From the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Money is not the only thing. There is not a general in command of any of the armies now in the field whose pay as a general amounts to as much as the salary of the manager of a base ball team in the big leagues.

Women's \$1.00 Black Silk Hosiery At, Pair, 79c

(3 pairs in box, \$2.25)

A special purchase of 300 pairs enables us to make this offer. Women's Black, Pure-thread Silk Hosiery, with reinforced soles, heels and toes. Also double garter tops. These are positively our regular \$1.00 grade—while the 300 pairs last.

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Automobile Robes of good, heavy, all-wool materials with fringed ends. Handsome Scotch plaid designs in beautiful color combinations. The size of the robe is 64x34 inches, and worth every cent of \$6.50. Our special price tomorrow at \$5.00.

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On Sale, 4th Floor.

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Formerly Sold Up to \$20.00 at One of Three Prices



\$1.90 \$2.90 \$4.90

At \$1.90 You may take your unrestricted choice of Women's Dress Skirts that formerly sold up to \$5.00

At \$2.90 You may take your unrestricted choice of Women's Dress Skirts that formerly sold up to \$10.00

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These Skirts are made of every wanted fabric and in the very latest styles. All sizes. An early selection is advised for best choice. NO PHONE OR MAIL ORDERS. NONE SENT C. O. D. OR ON APPROVAL.

Sale Extraordinary

20%

Reduction From Marked Price on

Furs

Including Fur Sets, Fur Coats and Fur Muffs

It's not often you have an opportunity of this kind before the Christmas holidays. Any one anticipating giving a gift of Furs should lose no time in taking advantage of this offer—no restriction. Look at the price ticket and deduct 20 per cent—a small deposit holds them till Christmas.

On Sale, 2nd Floor—Fur Department.

Why Not Give a Pattern of This

\$2.50 56-in. Imported Gabardine at \$1.79

The Dress Goods Department offers an exceptional bargain tomorrow—an excellent material for Coat Suits, Separate Coats or Skirts. Every wanted color and black; full 56 inches wide and a quality that retails the city over at \$2.50 a yard. Tomorrow take your choice of color and black, at, a yard, \$1.79.

On Sale 8th St. Annex.

Just in Time for Gift Giving

\$1.69 40-in. All-Silk Charmeuse at \$1.19

We've just received another shipment of Charmeuse—the same quality that created so much enthusiasm buying a few weeks ago. These are all pure silk and finished with a very high luster. Every one absolutely perfect, and every wanted color and black; full 40 inches wide and an excellent value at \$1.69. Our special price tomorrow, \$1.19.

On Sale, 2nd Floor—Fur Department.

Another Lot of Those Fine

Sateen Petticoats

\$1.00 Values to Sell at

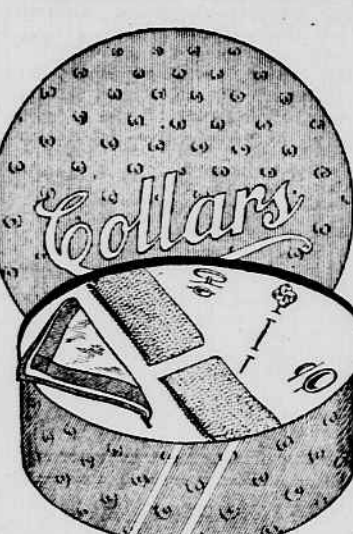
68c

We were fortunate in securing a shipment of these before Christmas—but only 500. They are made of a fine lustrous finish sateen. Looks like silk, but wears better. Colors and black. All lengths. Just a hint—they make fine, useful gifts, but get here early.

\$1.00 Sateen Petticoats at 68c.

On Sale, Main Floor.

The Practical Gift for Men



This \$1.00 Combination Set

This set includes one Knitted Four-in-hand in all desirable colors; Silk Handkerchief, with colored border to match; one pair Cuff Links and Scarfpin. All neatly packed in embossed box which can be used for collars when emptied.

Combination Sets, including Silk Hose and Tie or Silk-bordered Handkerchief and Tie to match in all the desirable colors; neatly put up in a handsome photo-graphed or burnt wood box. Special at 50c

Suspenders and Garter Sets or Leather Belt and Garter Sets. All nicely boxed at 50c

Men's Wear Shop—420 7th St., direct entrance.

These Warm Undergarments

Are What You Need Now

75c Flannelette Gowns..... 50c

Women's Flannelette Nightgowns, in high or V neck in pretty pink and blue stripe effects; good heavy quality. Sizes 16 and 17. Regular 75c value, tomorrow, 50c.

Flannelette Petticoats..... 50c

Extra Fine Quality Flannelette Petticoats, in regular or extra sizes. Solid colors or in neat stripe effects. Special at 50c.

\$1.50 Flannelette Pajamas at \$1.00

Women's Flannelette Pajama Suits, trimmed with frog fasteners. Fancy stripe effects. Regular \$1.50 value, special, \$1.00.

On sale, 3rd Floor.

Wash Goods Dept.

These Make Thoughtful Gifts

75c to \$1.50 DRESS PATTERNS..... 59c

Thousands of Dress Patterns in fine grades of Dress Gingham—Mohairs, Pongees, Linen finish Suitings and many other cotton materials. Fancy designs, stripes and checks; also plain colors; quantities of materials to suit any one's need. Each pattern only 25c a yard—4 yards each pattern and only 2 patterns to a buyer. These are worth from 75c to \$1.50. At the special price..... 59c

75c WAIST PATTERNS..... 59c

Waist Patterns containing 3 yards of fine Imported White Madras, in very pretty designs in large, small and medium size patterns; also stripes. The material is regular 25c quality. Choose from hundreds of patterns. Neatly arranged in white boxes. Your choice for 3-yard patterns..... 59c

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Any Woman Will Appreciate a Gift of

Boudoir Slippers

Our stock is comprehensive and embraces Boudoir Slippers in every wanted color—and we can match up your lounging robe or kimono in any number of pretty styles in all sizes from 4 to 7. Priced at 50c and 75c Pair

On Sale, 3rd Floor.

A Gift for Her

Ostrich Plumes

The finest stock of Ostrich Plumes south of New York. Every one made of selected male stock, with broad lustrous flues. All wanted colors and black.

\$2.00 and \$2.50 14, 15, 16 Inch Ostrich Plumes..... 95c

\$4.50 18-inch Ostrich Plumes, at... \$1.95

\$6.00 and \$8.00 20-inch Ostrich Plumes..... \$3.95

All neatly boxed for presentation. On Sale 2nd Floor—Millinery Department.



Boys' Shop

That Will Make His Xmas Merry

\$3 Suits or overcoats..... \$1.98

\$5 Suits or overcoats..... \$3.98

Boys' Four-in-hand or Windsor Ties. 25c

Boys' Play Suits, in Cowboy or Indian styles..... 98c

Boys' Sweaters in roll neck styles. All colors and sizes. Priced at \$2.98, \$1.98, \$1.48 and \$1.50

Boys' Play Suits in Indian, Cowboy, Police or Mexican styles. All sizes. \$1.50

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\$3.95 Blanket Robes at \$2.89

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